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On 1/31/57, [REDACTED]

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the return address "BENJ. H. FREEDMAN, 960 Park Avenue,
New York, New York."

A review of the files of WFO discloses that the identity of BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, 960 Park Avenue, New York City, New York, is known to the Bureau and the New York Office.

// File 100-32162 contains a copy of Bureau letter dated 7/13/55 to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, 2430 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for the attention of [REDACTED] entitled "American Friends of the Middle East, Incorporated; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning." This Bureau letter states as follows:

The files of the Bureau reflect that according to BENJAMIN HARRISON FREEDMAN, 960 Park Avenue, New York City, he founded the League for Peace and Justice in Palestine in 1946 and that this organization has been described by FREEDMAN as anti-Zionist.

FREEDMAN in a letter dated 5/20/55 to [REDACTED] b7C
of the American Friends of the Middle East, Incorporated, stated that on April 8, 1952, he organized through his own efforts the International Conference of Christians and Moslems, Incorporated, which organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New York. He said his reason for organizing the International Conference of Christians and Moslems, Incorporated, were in general to coordinate and/or orient the attitudes and activities of Christians and Moslems with relation to the respective and mutual interests and endeavors concerning the creation throughout

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the world of conditions conducive to the free and unrestricted exercise of the right of the individual to worship God without restraints and to disseminate information concerning the purposes and activities of the corporation and its members.

This Bureau letter also pointed out that the Bureau files contained no information concerning FREIDMAN's organization and concluded by stating the Bureau was undertaking no investigation in this matter.

// File 100-22189 in the case entitled "American Protestant Defense League; Information Concerning", contains an article which appeared in "The Washington Daily News", Thursday, May 5, 1955, under the caption "HOLY LAND Incorporated, by JACK STEELE, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer." This article describes BENJAMIN H. FREIDMAN who resides at a wealthy retired community in New York City. It states FREIDMAN allied with the American Protestant Defense League of the state of Israel and that he had insisted he was not anti-Semitic.

// File 205-13650
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b7C The New York letter stated subsequent to June, 1955, at 960 Park Avenue, New York City, was contacted regarding the occupant of apartment 2W at this address and by letter dated 9/10/55 FREEDMAN communicated with the Director (FBI) elaborating with considerable sarcasm regarding inquiry made concerning him of the Building Superintendent by FBI Agents.

New York Office letter further recited that letter dated 9/15/55 the Bureau informed FREEDMAN's letter was not being acknowledged in view of his instability and eccentricity, and New York Office was instructed not to contact BEN H. FREEDMAN or [REDACTED] in the future without Bureau authority.

Based upon the information as set forth above it is evident that BEN H. FRANKLIN, 960 Park Avenue, New York City, New York, [REDACTED] (s)

b1 is identical with BEN H. FRANKLIN who directed a letter to the Director of this Bureau. Therefore, inasmuch as the identity of BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN is known to the Bureau and New York Office, and in view of the Bureau's instructions to New York Office not to contact FREEDMAN without Bureau authority, it is recommended that no further action be taken in this matter.

Office Memorandum / UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WFO (105-13650)

DATE: 3/7/57

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re memorandum of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/14/57, b7c
 captioned [REDACTED] which is serial (S) b1
 seven of instant file. This memorandum contains a summary of
 information concerning FREEDMAN obtained through a review of
 files of WFO.

The following information is being made available
 in instant file, which is the main file concerning FREEDMAN,
 since FREEDMAN has been in rather frequent contact with the
 Soviet, Polish and other satellite establishments in Wash-
 ington, D. C. The following information is also being set
 forth since it will be of great value to WFO in the future
 in characterizing FREEDMAN in future reports:

New York, by blank memorandum dated 1/29/57, [REDACTED] (S) b1

reflects that, according to a confidential informant, who has
 furnished reliable information in the past, BENJAMIN FREEDMAN,
 of 960 Park Avenue, New York, New York, is a well known anti-
 Zionist in New York City and has for many years been friendly
 with Arab officials in New York City, and has recently been
 attending United Nations Committee meetings. According to
 this confidential informant, FREEDMAN attempts to ingratiate
 himself with Arab officials but, according to the informant,
 he makes a general nuisance of himself and most people regard
 him as a man with a disordered mind.

The above information was furnished on 12/28/56, by [REDACTED]
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 who is referred to above as a confidential informant. b2 b7d
 This latter information is contained in the cover letter to
 the above-mentioned blank memorandum and the cover letter is
 captioned [REDACTED] b1

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Above info is not being incorporated in a letterhead
name since it is felt that the above mentioned BEN FREIDMAN
is identical with BENJAMIN H. FREIDMAN and based upon above
info he is considered by most people as man with a disorganized
mind.

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BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN

(GO: New York)

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BEN FREEDMAN (phonetic) is possibly identical with captioned individual and above information is being furnished for the benefit of the New York Division.

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(1-105-34293) Arab Participation and Influence in Distribution of Hate Literature in United States

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(1-105-29384) Arab Participation and Influence in Distribution of Hate Literature in United States

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